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A therapeutic composition useful in treating humans with *Neisseria meningitidis* comprising at least one antibody directed against the polypeptide of claim 25 and a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

New claims 25-46 have been introduced. No new matter is added.

Support

Support for the new claims is either apparent, or is as described in the text below. Support for compositions of the isolated polypeptide which include an adjuvant recited in the claims may be found, for example, at page 74, lines 11-12. Support for the hybridization conditions may be found, for example, at page 24, line 14-18. Support for the recitation of sequence relatedness such as in claim 37 may be found in the specification, for example, at page 77, line 22 through page 78, line 18.

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Closing Remarks

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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